

## The Purpose of God and Satan

**Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**The Word of God is doubled-edged! It can bless you or curse you, depending on what YOU do.**

**Deuteronomy 28:1-2** And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

**Deuteronomy 28:15** But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

**James 1:8** A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

**Both God and Satan have the SAME PURPOSE for your life, just expressed in drastically different ways.**

## GOD WANTS YOU TO THINK LIKE HIM

Christians are supposed to think like God; the world is supposed to think like Satan. The number one problem of most Christians is that they keep switching back and forth between these mindsets!

**Proverbs 23:7** For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

**Philippians 2:5** Let (*ALLOW IT TO HAPPEN!*) this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

How do you know if you're thinking like God? You think like God when you think like His Word!

**Hosea 4:6** My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

You can be destroyed by what you don't know! That's why you MUST know the Bible. God's mindset in your life is the most important knowledge you need. Fall in love with the Word of God!

"But I know people who read the Bible and they are not Christians" ... you can only understand the Word of God by the Spirit of God!

**2 Corinthians 3:6** Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

**1 Corinthians 2:6-16** 6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 **But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.** 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 **Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.** 14 **But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.** 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

The Holy Ghost is not just given to make you speak with tongues; it is given so you would have the power to THINK LIKE GOD!

**Most of us struggle because we try to use natural reasoning to understand the things of God.** That is insulting to God! (like a 2-year-old trying to teach an adult how to drive)

**Romans 8:6-8** For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

If I can figure something out, then I can control it. But faith says “God has it figured out and I don’t need to control it!”

### **A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE BACKSEAT DRIVERS WITH GOD!**

For example, who can figure out the HURTS we experience in life? The carnal mind wants REVENGE, or at least an EXPLANATION. But the spiritual mind REJOICES!

**Matthew 5:11-12** Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Your carnal mind is HOSTILE (at enmity) to God, but your spirit is greater than your carnal mind. You must choose to think like God!

### **MANY APOSTOLICS “VISIT” GOD EVERY WEEK (OR EVERY DAY) – BUT GOD WANTS US TO “LIVE” WITH HIM!**

### **GOD WANTS ME TO PERCEIVE (INTERPRET) LIKE HIM**

If the devil can get you to THINK like him, then he can get you to PERCEIVE (interpret) your hurts, your past or your situation like he does.

You are not primarily a man or woman, you are primarily a spirit (that is the part of you that lives forever!). You are not a human being having a spiritual experience, you are a spiritual being having a human experience!

**Acts 26:2** I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews:

I command myself to perceive things like God! I rule myself by His Spirit!

**2 Kings 6:15-17** And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, **Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.** And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

Both God and the devil have a purpose in every experience!

### **GOD WANTS ME TO SPEAK LIKE HIM**

**Proverbs 18:20** A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

### **YOU EAT WHAT YOU SAY – so stop talking like your enemy!**

This is one of the great reasons that you need to KNOW THE WORD!

**Proverbs 18:21** Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

**Isaiah 40:29-31** He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

**Numbers 13:30-33** And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, **Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.** But the men that went up with him said, **We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.** And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: **and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.**

10 people convinced 3 million people to have a grasshopper complex!

**Numbers 14:27-28** How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? **I have heard the murmurings** of the children of Israel, **which they murmur against me.** Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, **as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you:**

To say what God says is not pride! Humility is accepting who God says I am! Whether you think you CAN or you think you CAN'T – you're right!

**Phil. 4:13** I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

**Isaiah 54:17** No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

**Matthew 12:33-37** 33 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. 34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. 36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Don't talk out of both sides of your mouth! Make up your mind to speak like God in every circumstance!

## **GOD WANTS ME TO ACT LIKE HIM**

**Galatians 5:19-26 (AMP)** 19 Now the doings (practices) of the flesh are clear (obvious): they are immorality, impurity, indecency, 20 Idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger (ill temper), selfishness, divisions (dissensions), party spirit (factions, sects with peculiar opinions, heresies), 21 Envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you beforehand, just as I did previously, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, 23 Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge]. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus (the Messiah) have crucified the flesh (the godless human nature) with its passions and appetites and desires. 25 If we live by the [Holy] Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. [If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.] 26 Let us not become vainglorious and self-conceited, competitive and challenging and provoking and irritating to one another, envying and being jealous of one another.

**We often define ourselves – and act – according to what we (or others) THINK, PERCEIVE and SPEAK about ourselves.**

“I’m \_\_\_\_\_” (temperament, nationality, social status, past, etc.)

Whatever happened to “I am a child of God!” (?)

**2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

ACT LIKE IT! ... “PUT YOUR PRAISE ON!”

**Isaiah 61:3** To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, **the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness**; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Whenever you step out to do something for God, FEAR comes ... that's when you must make the choice to ACT LIKE GOD!

**1 John 4:18** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Your spirit will either turn its attention to your flesh ... or to God! **YOUR SPIRIT IS A CHEERLEADER!** (it says “go, problem!” or “go, God!”) My flesh tries to make me conscious of PEOPLE, but my spirit tries to make me conscious of GOD.

**Romans 4:17** (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, **and calleth those things which be not as though they were.**

**I AM (already) what God says I am!**

My WORDS are a BRIDGE from the supernatural to the natural.

## **GOD WANTS ME TO REAP HIS HARVEST**

**Galatians 6:7-9 (AMP)** 7 Do not be deceived and deluded and misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at (scorned, disdained, or mocked by mere pretensions or professions, or by His precepts being set aside.) [He inevitably deludes himself who attempts to delude God.] **For whatever a man sows, that and that only is what he will reap.** 8 For he who sows to his own flesh (lower nature, sensuality) will from the flesh reap decay and ruin and destruction, but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. 9 And let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint.

If you will choose to do the first four – THINK LIKE GOD, PERCEIVE LIKE GOD, SPEAK LIKE GOD, ACT LIKE GOD – then God will do the last one, and you will REAP HIS HARVEST. But if you THINK LIKE SATAN, PERCEIVE LIKE SATAN, SPEAK LIKE SATAN, ACT LIKE SATAN – then you will REAP HIS HARVEST.

**IF YOU DON'T LIKE WHAT YOU ARE REAPING IN YOUR LIFE, THEN CHANGE YOUR SEED!**